

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An apparatus for retrieving golf balls and the like, which comprises a number of retrieving sections (1-5) which have a frame (6) for one or more receptacle baskets (10) and a retrieving roller (8) with a number of retrieving disks (9), characterised in that the frames (6) are interconnected to a connection rail (15) in side-by-side relationship; and that the connection rail (15) is readily flexible in the vertical plane and rigid or substantially inflexible in the horizontal plane.

2. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, characterised in that the frames (6) have a mounting plate (7) for fixedly screwing on the connection rail (15).

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in ~~Claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, characterised in that the connection rail (15) is divided into sections (15a, 15b); and that the sections are interconnected with one another at the mounting plate (7) of the frames (6), whereby the sections (15a, 15b) are interconnected with one another together with the mounting plate (7).

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in ~~Claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterised in that a draw bar (18) is mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plate (7) of a centrally placed frame (6).

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plates (7) of the frames (6).

6. (Original) The apparatus as claim in Claim 4. characterised in that a wheel (19) is mounted on the drawbar (18) which is provided with a hitch ball. draw bar lug, hook or other type of drawing device (21).

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the connection rail (15) is manufacture from a resilient material. e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.

8. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 7. characterised in that the connection rail (15) displays a width-thickness ratio of 200:2, preferably 150:5, but also less depending on the desired properties and materials.

9. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, characterised in that the connection rail (15) is divided into sections (15a, 15b); and that the sections are interconnected with one another at the mounting plate (7) of the frames (6), whereby the sections (15a, 15b) are interconnected with one another together with the mounting plate (7).

10. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2. characterised in that a draw bar (18) is mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plate (7) of a centrally placed frame (6).

11. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3. characterised in that a draw bar (18) is mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plate (7) of a centrally placed frame (6).

12. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2. characterised in that wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plates (7) of the frames (6).

13. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3. characterised in that wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plates (7) of the frames (6).

14. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 4. characterised in that wheels (16) are mounted on the connection rail (15) together with the mounting plates (7) of the frames (6).

15. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 2. characterised in that the connection rail (15) is manufacture from a resilient material. e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.

16. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3. characterised in that the connection rail (15) is manufacture from a resilient material. e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.

17. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 4. characterised in that the connection rail (15) is manufacture from a resilient material. e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.

18. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5. characterised in that the connection rail (15) is manufacture from a resilient material. e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.

19. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 6. characterised in that the connection rail (15) is manufacture from a resilient material. e.g. duraluminium or spring steel.